Helpful Web Resources

Safety professionals may want to keep several websites handy on their computers:

- [http://webbook.nist.gov/chemistry/](http://webbook.nist.gov/chemistry/) - data on chemical and physical properties of chemicals, including common names of the chemical. You can search directly by chemical species or indirectly based on related data.
- [http://ptcl.chem.ox.ac.uk/MSDS/glossary/GLOSSARY.html](http://ptcl.chem.ox.ac.uk/MSDS/glossary/GLOSSARY.html) - definitions of terms related to chemical safety, from abiotic to xenobiotic.
- [www.haz-map.com/](http://www.haz-map.com/) - the current state of scientific knowledge about hazardous agents in the workplace. This site can help you recognize occupational health problems caused by toxic chemicals.

These resources were recommended by Barry Weissman, a lead-based paint inspector and risk assessor with the national consulting firm Hillmann Environmental Group, LLC - [www.safetyxchange.org/article_print.php?id=419](http://www.safetyxchange.org/article_print.php?id=419)

Guidance on Lifting in Nursing Homes

NIOSH Publication 2006-117, “Safe Lifting and Movement of Nursing Home Residents” can help nursing home operators, managers, and workers create a safe lifting program for residents in their facilities. It also presents a business case scenario that shows investment in a safe-lifting program (including mechanical lift devices) can be recovered by reduced workers’ compensation costs and fewer lost or restricted workdays for staff.


Controlling Amputation Hazards

OSHA first adopted a strategic goal of reducing amputations in industry workplaces in 1997 and expanded the focus in 2002 to address additional machinery associated with amputation hazards. The latest revisions focus on industries rather than equipment that are associated with amputations and include two additional standards generally recognized as being related (§1910.147, The Control of Hazardous Energy and §1910.219, Mechanical Power-transmission Apparatus).


Haz-Mat Wisdom At Your Fingertips

WISER (Wireless Information System for Emergency Responders) is an information system, requiring no internet access, developed by the National Library of Medicine. Loaded onto the personal digital assistant of a first responder, the WISER system can help him or her in hazardous material incidents, providing substance identification, human health information, and containment guidance. The latest version reflects the latest content of NLM’s Hazardous Substance Data Bank (HSDB).


Upcoming Observances

- January: National Blood Donor Month ([www.aabb.org](http://www.aabb.org))
- February: Heart Month ([www.americanheart.org](http://www.americanheart.org))
- March: National Nutrition Month ([www.eatright.org](http://www.eatright.org))

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